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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Application No.: 10/539,829      Group Art Unit: 3724  
Filing Date: June 20, 2005      Examiner: Ghassem ALIE  
Applicant: Kenji IKOMA  
Title: VIBRATION DAMPING APPARATUS FOR RECIPROCATING  
DRIVE AND CUTTING HEAD (as amended)  
Attorney Docket: 2691-000020/US

Customer Service Window  
Randolph Building  
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Alexandria, VA 22314  
**Mail Stop Amendment**

March 10, 2008

**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the December 14, 2007 Office Action, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this Amendment.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 4 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this Amendment.

	Claims remaining after Amendment		Highest number previously paid for		Present extra
<b>Total</b>	15	-	20	=	0
<b>Independent</b>	2	-	3	=	0